Wrong, George McKinnon

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Dec. 13th, 1915

My dear President:

I have only now had the opportunity to answer Dr. Seath's queries in the enclosed letter addressed to you.

1. I have arranged with the Classical Department to put Mediaeval History on the Classical Course in the Second Year.

2. I have arranged with the Modern Languages Staff that they shall join the History Staff in a course to comprise:

First Year - Mediaeval History.

Second Year - Canadian and U.S. History
The 17th Century in France and Germany.

Third Year - The 18th Century in France and Germany.

Fourth Year - The 19th Century in France, Germany and England

3. The plan of the English and History Courses includes the abandonment of Foreign Languages in the Fourth Year as a subject of examination. This is applied to English and History (Moderns) completely and to English and History (Classics) with the exception of a study of Aristotle's Poetics, retained on account rather of the subject than of the language.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) George M. Wrong

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Winnipeg,
13. vi. '16.

Professor G. M. Wrong,

Dear Professor Wrong,

Your letter with regard to a research fellowship at Toronto has remained too long unanswered; but even now I think there is very little prospect of any of us men taking it up for next year. Practically the entire graduating class in History has enlisted in the University battalion. Even in the third year all men but two in a class of eighteen at the beginning of the session have already enlisted.

All this I am sure is as it should be: but what with the C. O. T. C. work, preliminary to the formation of the University

battalion, and the lenient regulations with regard to examinations for those who have enlisted, the work of our graduating class this year has been considerably below par. With the exception of two or three men who are now in camp I should not care to recommend any of the class of 1916 for capacity for satisfactory research.

Kylie's death was one of the inscrutable things of the war as it has affected Canada. Perhaps after all the permanent moral influence of such a life and death is augmented rather than ~~to~~ terminated by such an immitigated sacrifice. The promise of his work for the future was so incomparably greater than any blow he might have struck among ten thousand others at the front.

Believe me, Sincerely yours,
Chester Martin.

Edmonton, May 11 '16.

Dear Mr. Wrong,

Received your note a couple of days ago and am greatly pleased to learn that Toronto is undertaking graduate work seriously to the extent of such a respectable scholarship. I should like to know more about it. As to students here - we have two very clever men graduating this year. One we are taking on ourselves Dansie - in making good a couple of vacancies on the staff. The other - R. B. Sandin - a new boy (19) I am much interested in also. He received the gold medal for the highest all-round standing in his last two years. He has not done much history. Beside the general introductory course given to all the second year he took Economics in his third and XIX C in his fourth year. He did so well in term essays that some

Chandler, Feb'y 7th.

Dearly, Dearly,

Received yours safe & quick yesterday, & am very greatly pleased to learn that dearly is industriously employed, & that you feel pleased & satisfied. Should this [illegible] - we have [illegible] - I'm studying Mrs Speer. Do we are having an awful freezing & snowing [illegible] & nearly [illegible] of business & [illegible]. It rains - R. D. Chandler - & now [illegible] must [illegible] & also. We received $150.00 today for [illegible] all- [illegible] [illegible] in his [illegible]. We [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

time ago I approached him on the subject of post-graduate work advising him to undertake it if possible. As finances prevented him proceeding at once he planned to go out teaching for a while. He is distinctly a first-class man. I should like very much to see him at Toronto and the amount of the scholarship you mention would make it quite possible for him, as I think is people are not quite penniless.

This year has been very heavy, as my colleague Dyer has gone to the front. Next year will be heavier still as we will have only one instead of two temporary assistants. We had 413 students this year slightly less than last. 200 students and graduates have gone to the front. 15 members of the staff have donned khaki and three more are leaving to engage in scientific work connected with the war

our company of the Western Universities battalion is slightly overstrength.

One thing has been troubling me of late. Our library is small only 12,000 or 13,000 and the war has pretty well dried up the source of supplies. Could you let me know sometime before very long, how much is spent at Toronto on books for the history department in normal years and at the present time and also if possible what proportion that bears to the whole. I am told that at Minnesota half the library grant is expended on books for the history department.

I hardly expect to get East this summer but hope to console myself in some Western resort digesting a lot of old stuff I picked up in London a couple of years ago - for unfortunately the library fails no

obligation to purchase books to accomodate the research ambitions of the staff. Truly we are the slaves of money as well as of time and space.

Yours very truly,

Alfred LeRoy Burt.

P.S. Wisely or foolishly I took my M.A. (Oxon.) the other day. - I do not know why - unless it be for the very vulgar reason of looks.

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June 18 1916

My dear Falconer:

I enclose herewith letter which I have received from Mr Mackenzie Fellowship. On the whole my thinking subsequent to that was that we might not fill these Fellowships during the war. Then after the war we should have something to offer to any good men.

Yours sincerely

George H. Wrong

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

VANCOUVER, CANADA May 9/16.

Dear Professor Wrong,

Many thanks for your kind letter of May 3. Mr. Lennox Wills, who has just received his B.A. here, would do excellent postgraduate work in history. Two other men would be almost equally good, (Galloway & Muldern), but by the time we hear from you again, one or both of these may have enlisted.

Very sincerely yours,
Mack Eastman.